

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2767

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By Mr. Keenan of Southwick, petition of Daniel F. Keenan relative to fair compensation for medical services. Health Care Financing.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO FAIR COMPENSATION FOR MEDICAL SERVICES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Subsection (i) of Section 18 of Chapter 118G of the General  
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the third sentence the  
3 following:—  
4 For that portion of patient care services provided by acute care  
5 hospitals and community health centers to patients eligible for  
6 partial free care, as defined in applicable regulations of the divi-  
7 sion, that is not eligible for reimbursement by the pool, those  
8 acute care hospitals and community health centers shall not  
9 charge those patients more than the rates as are paid for such serv-  
10 ices under Medicaid under Chapter 118 E. The division shall  
11 develop a mechanism by which acute care hospitals and commu-  
12 nity health centers shall calculate the amount owed by the patient  
13 by subtracting amount which may be billed to the pool for those  
14 services from the Medicaid rate for those services.